

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed in response to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment originally filed September 30, 2003. Please note that a subsequent supplemental preliminary amendment was filed on November 13, 2003. Please consider this supplemental preliminary amendment prior to considering the supplemental preliminary amendment filed on November 13, 2003.

Prior to examination of the above-referenced case on the merits, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

Claims 2-16, 18-35 and 37-40 have been cancelled. No claims have been amended. No claims have been added.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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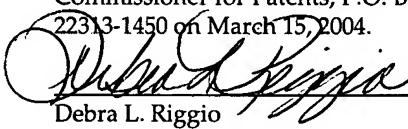
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